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OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR
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LYNTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

To: The Chairman and Members of
the Lynton Urban District Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting herewith my ANNUAL REPORT for the year ended 31st December, 1967.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF

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Clerk:	Mr. J.E. Beggs, (Jan. - Aug.) Mrs. P.M. Lethaby, (Aug. - Dec.) Town Hall, LYNTON.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area in Acres	7,628
Population (Reg. Gen. Mid-year Estimate)	1,680
Number of inhabited houses	621
Rateable Value	£59,253
Sum represented by 1d. Rate	£220. 10. 1.

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births: Legitimate:	Males	13	Females	15	Total	28	
Illegitimate:	Males	1	Females	1	Total	2	
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population						17.9 (20.4 Adjusted)	
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births						7.14	
Still births: Legitimate						1	
Illegitimate						Nil	
Total Live and Still births						31	
Infant deaths under 1 year						2	
Infant Mortality Rates per 1,000 total live births						67	
" " " " " " " Legitimate .						67	
Illegitimate .						Nil	
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)						33	
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)						33	
Perinatal Mortality Rate (Still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births).....						65	
Maternal Deaths (including abortion)						Nil	
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births						Nil	
Deaths ..... Males 15			Females 15		Total	30	
Death rate per 1,000 population						17.9	
Death rate per 1,000 population adjusted						10.38	
Births: Comparability Factor						1.14	
Deaths: Comparability Factor						0.58	

Deaths.

19	had	reached	the	age	of	75	and	over
6	"	"	"	"	"	65	-	75
2	"	"	"	"	"	55	-	65

Deaths from.

Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	1
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	3
Vascular Lesions of Nervous system	6
Coronary Disease, Angina	-
Hypertension with heart disease	-
Other heart disease	7
Other circulatory disease	2
Pneumonia	1
Other diseases of Respiratory system	-
Nephritis and Nephrosis	-
Hyperplasia of Prostate	-
Other defined and Ill-defined diseases	5
Bronchitis	1
Leukaemia and Aleukaemia	-
All other accidents	2
Total	30

Notifiable Diseases.

Measles	55
Cerebro-spinal meningitis	2
Tuberculosis	1
Total	58

Clinic and Treatment Centres.

The Devon County Council Health Clinic at Burvill Street, Lynton provides Consulting and Waiting Rooms for the Local Practitioners, accommodation for Health Visitor, Health Education Relaxation and Dentist/Chiropodist.

The Chest Clinic for this area is held at the North Devon Infirmary, Barnstaple.

Tuberculosis.

Treatment for tuberculosis is carried out at the Hawley Sanatorium in the Borough of Barnstaple and at Hawkmoor Sanatorium near Bovey Tracey.

Venereal Disease.

There were no reports of Venereal Disease. The nearest centre for treatment is at Barnstaple North Devon Infirmary and any cases that occur in this Urban District go direct to Barnstaple.

Ambulance Service.

Responsibility for the provision of an Ambulance Service rests with the County Council and its Health Committee have arranged for this to be provided by the Lynton St. John Ambulance Association.

The Staff consists of one part-time Member, 4 men Volunteers and 7 Volunteer Nurses. The Ambulance is garaged at Cross Street, Lynton. The Hospital Car Service is available on application by Doctors to the Hospital.

Isolation of Infectious Diseases.

The nearest Isolation Hospital for Infectious Diseases is the Kingsley Hospital at Bideford.

Maternity.

There are three beds for maternity cases at the Lynton & District Cottage Hospital, with a fully qualified staff available. At the North Devon Infirmary there is an additional Ward available for cases of difficulty.

Ante-Natal and Post-Natal Clinics.

Ante-Natal and Post-Natal Clinics are conducted at the Lynton Cottage Hospital by each General Practitioner in co-operation with the Hospital Staff.

Home Help Scheme.

The Home Nursing Service is operated by one District Nurse in conjunction with Nursing and Midwifery duties. In addition, assistance in the home is given by one Home Help.

Child Welfare.

The Centre is now held at the Health Clinic, Burvill Street, Lynton, and is open on the first and third TUESDAYS in the month, with a County Council Welfare Worker in attendance.

Vaccination and Immunisation.

Vaccination and Immunisation are carried out by the General Practitioners of the area and also at the Welfare Centre and the School Clinics.

Laboratory Facilities.

Facilities are available for Bacteriological examinations of all kinds at the Public Health Laboratory, Exeter.

Water Supply.

The following information regarding the main water supply from the North Devon Water Board's Works at Dean Steep, Lynton has been kindly given by the Chief Engineer (North).

The supply has been entirely satisfactory, both in quality and quantity, and no restrictions have had to be imposed. Bacteriological samples are taken weekly from various consumers taps in the area of the supply and of the 151 samples taken, all proved satisfactory and equivalent to a class 1 piped supply. Samples of bacteriological examinations are not normally taken of the raw water, as this is known to vary from day to day, according to rainfall but, in view of the substantial increase in camping during the Summer season within the catchment area of the stream which feeds the intake, weekly samples have again been taken and indicate the extent of seasonal pollution. Previous reports have contained The Counties Public Health Laboratories' reports on the samples taken from the raw water inlet and the samples submitted after treatment and these examination reports are still applicable.

The supply is not plumbo-solvent and no action is necessary with regard contamination.

Standpipes from Public Mains are not used in Lynton, supplies being taken direct to all properties. The number of dwelling houses supplied direct from public mains is 542 and the estimated population supplied is 1,576.

Eleven samples from private supplies in the outlying district have been taken and eight samples were equivalent to a class 1 piped supply and three samples showed slight contamination.

A number of small defective sections of water main were renewed, additional valves provided, and combined service pipes separated as part of a programme to improve the mains system in the Town area.

Sewerage.

A small length of main sewer was diverted at Belle Vue Avenue to allow development to take place and additional manholes were constructed on the main sewer in Cross Street to allow for easy access and future maintenance. A spur from the main sewer in Cross Street was found to be silted and further investigations proved that the section of sewer pipes are very flat and not self cleansing, allowing considerable quantities of grit etc. to accumulate. The new access manholes will permit regular inspections of this length.

The proposed scheme for the provision of a sewerage system for Barbrook Village received Planning and Ministry consents but the cost of the Scheme (£39,366) was unacceptable to the Devon County Council for grant purposes bearing in mind the number of houses that will be connected and future development. It is with regret that I am unable to report more favourable progress with this scheme

Rainfall.

The following figures of rainfall were recorded at Caffyns Heanton during 1967:-

	Inches.
January	4.17
February	6.72
March	2.86
April	2.94
May	7.77
June	0.90
July	3.71
August	4.12
September	7.40
October	11.72
November	4.24
December	4.66
	61.21

Swimming Pool.

One Public Swimming Pool exists in the Urban District and is under the control of the local authority. The Pool is sited on the Blacklands foreshore, Lynmouth, and is covered completely by each tide.

A Private Swimming Pool exists adjoining the Tors Hotel. The pool (24,000 gals.) is filled once per year with water from the Town Supply, continuously circulated around the pool by means of a pump, filtered and chlorinated in process of circulation.

Public Cleansing.

The collection and disposal of refuse, both from household and trade premises, was made weekly during the Winter months, and twice weekly collections during the holiday period. Farm houses and dwellings in outlying areas receive, by agreement, quarterly collections.

Rodent Control.

The refuse tip remained free from heavy rodent infestation throughout the year and periodic treatment with Warfarin successfully kept the tip under control. A successful annual treatment of the Council's sewers was carried out in Lynton and Lynmouth.

Complaints of rodent infestation were still receivedfrom premises adjoining the river banks.

All treatmentsand inspections were carried out by the Council's part-time Rodent Operator.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Food Premises in the District:-

Bakehouses	1
Butcher's Shops	4
Cafes and Restaurants	21
Confectioners	10
Dairies	1
Grocer's Shops	9
Greengrocers	5
Licensed Premises	12
Hotel and Boarding Houses	64
Fish and Chip Shops	-
Fish Shops	-

Twenty-eight Food Premises are registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act 1955 for the sale of Ice Cream.

Ice Cream.

Eleven samples of ice cream were taken during the year for bacteriological examination the results being: Grade 1 - 9, Grade 2 - 1 and Grade 4 - 1.

Food Hygiene Regulations 1960

Total Number of Food Premises:-	125
Number of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 16 (provision of wash hand basins)	92
Number of premises to which Regulation 19 applies (provision of washing facilities for food and equipment).	132
Number of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 19.	132

Forty-one visits were paid to Food Premises during the year. The improvements in the standards of the premises visited have been continued. No formal action has been necessary.

Meat Inspection.

The private slaughterhouse in Lynton did not operate during 1967, all Butchers obtaining their meat from outside the Urban District.

Poultry Inspection.

There are no poultry processing establishments within the District.

Condemned Foodstuffs.

The following foodstuffs were condemned and disposed of by the Council at their Refuse Tip:-

Tinned Meat	8 tins.
Tinned Fruit	-
Tinned Fish	-
Fish	-
Poultry	11½ lb.

Milk Supply.

Three purveyors of milk are registered as distributors in the district. Allmilk supplied in the Urban District is either pasteurised or tuberculin tested.

Diseases of Animals (Waste Foods) Order 1957.

One licence has been issued to operate boiling plants for waste food under the above provisions.

This duty has been delegated by the Devon County Council to the Council.

PETROLEUM.

The number of licensed premises in the year was 9.

CARAVAN AND CAMPING.

Licensed Sites

Name of Site.	Static Holiday	Holiday Chalets	Touring	Total
Sunny Lyn, Lynbridge.	31	-	7	38
West Lyn, Manor Farm.	20	-	32	52
Dean Steep, Lynton.	-	6	-	6
High Bullen.	1	-	-	1
Sixacre Wood, Lee Abbey.	1	-	-	1

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

The number of premises registered at the end of 1967 was 51. Persons employed at registered premises were 85 males and 163 females - a total of 248 persons.

Total number of inspections made - 40

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 and 1948

Part 1 of the Act

Inspections for purposes of provisions as to Health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register.	Number of Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Number of Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	5	4	Nil	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	1	1	Nil	Nil
Total	6	5	Nil	Nil

Cases in which defects were found:

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found: Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector	Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of Cleanliness (S.1.)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Overcrowding (S.2.)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3.)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4.)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Ineffective Drainage of floors (S.6.)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.)(a) Insufficient	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(b) Unsuitable or defective	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(c) Not separate for sexes	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

HOUSING.

(a)	Number of houses which on inspection were considered to be unfit for human habitation	4
(b)	Number of houses the defects of which were remedied in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority	1
(c)	Number of representations made to Local Authority with a view to (1) the service of notices requiring execution of works or (2) the making of Demolition or Closing Orders	2
(d)	Number of notices served requiring the execution of works	Nil.
(e)	Number of Closing Orders made	2
(f)	Number of Demolition Orders made	Nil.
(g)	Number of houses in respect of which an undertaking was accepted	Nil.
(h)	Number of houses demolished	Nil.

Improvement Grants.

Number of Standard Grants received and approved during the year amounted to 2; both were owner-occupiers of the premises.

Amenities provided included:

Fixed bath	2
Wash hand basin	1
Hot water system	2
W.C. within the dwelling	1
Food Store	-

I have the honour to be
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

M.P. NIGHTINGALE, M.R.C.S.,L.R.C.P.